

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of:	WAYTE et al.	:	Confirmation No.: 1740
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Application No.:	10/692,985	:	Group Art Unit: 1742
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Filed:	October 24, 2003	:	Examiner: Jessee Roe
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For: METHOD FOR FABRICATING A THICK Ti64 ALLOY ARTICLE TO HAVE A  
HIGHER SURFACE YIELD AND TENSILE STRENGTHS AND A LOWER  
CENTERLINE YIELD AND TENSILE STRENGTHS

**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.116**  
**TO FINAL ACTION DATED DECEMBER 14, 2007**

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Sir:

Please consider the following Response for the above-referenced Application. Amendments to the claims begin on page 2 of this Response. Entry of the amendments is appropriate because it would put the case in condition for allowance, as explained in the Remarks which begin on page 6. Reconsideration of the Application is respectfully requested.